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Letter dated 19 May 2005 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Burundi to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the declaration on the meeting held in Dar-es-Salaam on 15 May 2005 between the Transitional Government of Burundi and PALIPEHUTU-FNL (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would arrange for this letter and its annex to be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Léonidas **Nkingiye**
First Counsellor
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

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Annex to the letter dated 19 May 2005 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Burundi to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Declaration on the Dar-es-Salaam meeting of 15 May 2005 between the Transitional Government of Burundi and PALIPEHUTU-FNL

The Transitional Government of the Republic of Burundi, represented by His Excellency Mr. Domitien Ndayizeye, President of the Republic,

and

PALIPEHUTU-FNL, represented by His Excellency Mr. Agathon Rwasa, President of the Party,

Having discussed and agreed on the necessity of ending the war in order to achieve lasting peace and a climate of trust among the people of Burundi,

Having agreed to begin negotiations in a climate of calm that is conducive to the advancement of the peace process,

Determined to undertake a comprehensive review of the root causes of the conflict in Burundi,

Have agreed as follows:

1. The two parties declare an immediate cessation of hostilities and decide to establish within a period of not more than one month technical teams with a mandate to decide on the mechanisms of the permanent ceasefire between the two belligerents.

2. The two parties also undertake to begin negotiations as early as possible.

3. The two parties undertake to negotiate without, however, disrupting the electoral process currently under way.

4. The two parties thank the President of the United Republic of Tanzania, His Excellency Benjamin William Mkapa and his Government for facilitating the meeting between the Transitional Government of Burundi and PALIPEHUTU-FNL.

Done at Dar-es-Salaam on 15 May 2005

President of PALIPEHUTU-FNL
(*Signed*) His Excellency
Mr. Agathon **Rwasa**

President of the Republic of Burundi
(*Signed*) His Excellency
Mr. Domitien **Ndayizeye**

Witness:

Honourable Jakaya Mrisho **Kikwete**
Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation
of the United Republic of Tanzania